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Journalism Article – Steve Jobs

On October 5, 2011 the world lost one of its most influential people to ever live. Steve Jobs was 56 years old when his time on Earth came to an end. He was a genius and a true visionary who forever changed the world, and the lives of everyone in it. People will always recognize him as one of the men who founded Apple, but more importantly he was a loving husband and caring father that the world will truly miss.

In the late 1970’s Jobs- along with Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak- designed one of the world’s first successful lines of personal computers, the Apple II series. Although there were a few minor setbacks, since that day Jobs and Apple continued to improve. In 1997 Jobs was appointed CEO of Apple and took the world by storm with his incredibly user friendly devices.

One of Jobs’ most remarkable accomplishments was a digital music player the size of a matchbox, the iPod. With the iPod a person had access to thousands of songs at the tips of their fingers, but its most attractive feature was its simplicity. Although on the inside it was very complex, the iPod was extremely user friendly and almost anyone could use it.

Under Jobs, Apple constantly continued to improve the iPod, releasing a new and improved version almost annually. Jobs successfully transformed Apple from a company specializing in computers into a Digital Music Empire.

Steve Jobs was without a doubt a genius, but he was also recognized for his simple yet fascinating presentations of Apple’s newest inventions. Whenever Apple released a new product, Jobs would make a brief presentation of his new creation that would have almost everyone buzzing. Through these presentations, the world came to discover his loving and warming personality, and his unbelievable passion for his work. Not only was he the creator of Apple, one of the world’s most successful companies, but he was its biggest ambassador whose love for Apple products became contagious throughout the world.

Many students at Charlotte Catholic were shocked upon learning about Steve Jobs’ death. Junior Chris Daly said “he was a great person and a genius, it’s really sad that he had to go so early” and sophomore Brian Dorcy said “I don’t know what Apple is going to do without him.” With so many students owning Apple products, Jobs was a source of inspiration and an icon to many students.

In 2004 Job’s was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer but continued to do what he loved until 2011, when he resigned as CEO. Many people questioned as to why he would do such a thing, but it is now obvious that he desired to spend the rest of his time with his family. Loved by many and esteemed by all, Steve Jobs was a true pioneer that changed the world. Although he is gone, Steve Jobs legacy will go on, and he will be forever missed.